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The EIC Subcommittee on Petroleum

Annual Report

Fiscal Year 1956-1957

A. Activities of the Subcommittee During Fiscal Year 1956-1957

1. Review of the Intelligence Product

The Subcommittee considers the intelligence product to be consistent with the missions and responsibilities of member agencies.

2. Research and Collection Deficiencies

a. The priority deficiencies of research which have been identified by the PSC are included in EIC-S-1/4, Progress Report, 1 July 1957, attached. The Subcommittee recognizes the need for periodic revisions of the list of priority deficiencies of research and the programming of research to meet the priority deficiencies.

c. The PSC initiated a discussion with members of the US petroleum industry regarding an industry sponsored translation program of Russian petroleum periodicals.

3. Review of Substantive Papers

The Subcommittee formally reviewed CIA/RR PR-145, Petroleum in Communist China, 30 July 1956. ✓

The following papers were informally reviewed and coordinated with interested member agencies:

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Title	Agency
Petroleum Development and Capabilities in East Germany	Army ✓
USSR Production and Availability of Petroleum Products (Unclassified)	Air Force
Soviet Bloc Continues Petroleum Shipments to the Free World	State
Energy in the USSR	CIA
Sino-Soviet Bloc Trade in Petroleum with the Free World, 1950-56	CIA

4. Review of Proposals for External Research

No proposals for external research were brought to the attention of the Subcommittee during Fiscal Year 1956-1957.

5. Maintenance of Agreed Basic Statistics

The Subcommittee developed agreed basic statistics covering selected elements of the petroleum economy of each country of the Sino-Soviet Bloc for 1955 and 1956. The Subcommittee plans to continue the annual updating of these statistics and will investigate the possibility of expanding the scope of these statistics. The Agreed Basic Statistics 1956, 1 July 1957, are attached.

6. Projects Undertaken at the Request of the EIC or Proposed to the EIC.

The EIC approved the recommendation of the Subcommittee for a subcommittee-coordinated project to produce intelligence on the military consumption of petroleum products by the Sino-Soviet Bloc during 1956 and 1957. The project will consist of a review and updating of the military consumption paper prepared by the Subcommittee during Fiscal Year 1955-1956.

7. Intelligence Research Techniques

Subcommittee has nothing to report.

8. Special Coordination Functions of the Subcommittee

No special coordination functions other than those listed above, were performed by the Subcommittee during Fiscal Year 1956-1957.

9. Evaluation of the Role of the Subcommittee

The Subcommittee continued to make progress in its role as a vehicle for improving economic intelligence research. The PSC continues to serve as a convenient and useful medium for inter-agency coordination.

B. Future Program of the Subcommittee

The Subcommittee plans to continue: a program of bi-monthly meetings, reviews of substantive papers, development of agreed basic statistics, reporting of research and collection deficiencies and special projects in accordance with the General Concept and Functions of EIC Subcommittees.